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Welcome to the Fall 2015 issue of the *Saber and Scroll Journal*, produced by the American Public University System. This issue resulted from an open call for papers dealing with any topic in history or historiography. The result is a terrific collection of papers related to transformations in history: the birth of irregular warfare in colonial America, the changing face of city streets with the advent of automobiles, the evolving sense of Zulu identity, and others. In addition to these, we have compiled reviews of a wide-ranging group of books for your consideration.

This issue, itself, has been one of evolution. After a long and terrific run under Editor-In-Chief Anne Midgley, the *Journal* is now publishing its first issue with me as the new Editor-In-Chief. We have also seen turnover in our editorial team, and I am very encouraged by the fact that multiple people have expressed interest in joining our team, so we can all look forward to a bright future for our journal. I have to express special thanks to Anne for her close cooperation and help during this transitional issue. She has continued to tackle Microsoft Publisher and aid me in many of the other duties of the Editor-In-Chief. I look forward to hopefully giving her more of a rest in the production of our Winter 2016 issue, which has a call for papers presently open.

I wish to express gratitude to all of our editors for their hard work and to Dr. Robert Smith for his guidance. Back when I was an undergrad at Gettysburg College (before my graduate study at APUS), the school's motto was "Do Great Work." I believe we have truly done that with this issue. I also wish to extend thanks and gratitude to our authors—both those whose works appear in this issue, and those with whom we continue to work. The *Saber and Scroll Journal* is unique among academic journals; it would be difficult to find another journal where the editorial staff pays so much attention to every submission received. While many journals' calls for papers are essentially black holes for an author who does not hold a Ph.D., we at the *Saber and Scroll Journal* are committed to getting our authors' words into print—but at their highest possible quality. I will work hard to continue to do that for the rest of my term as your Editor-In-Chief.

Joseph J. Cook
Editor-In-Chief